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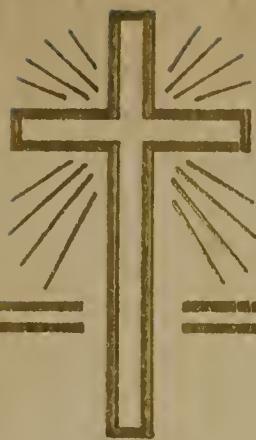
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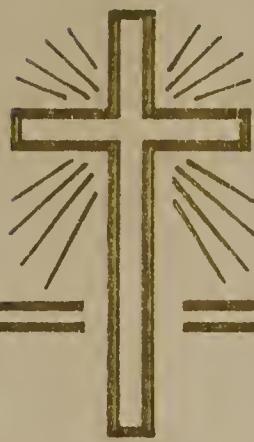
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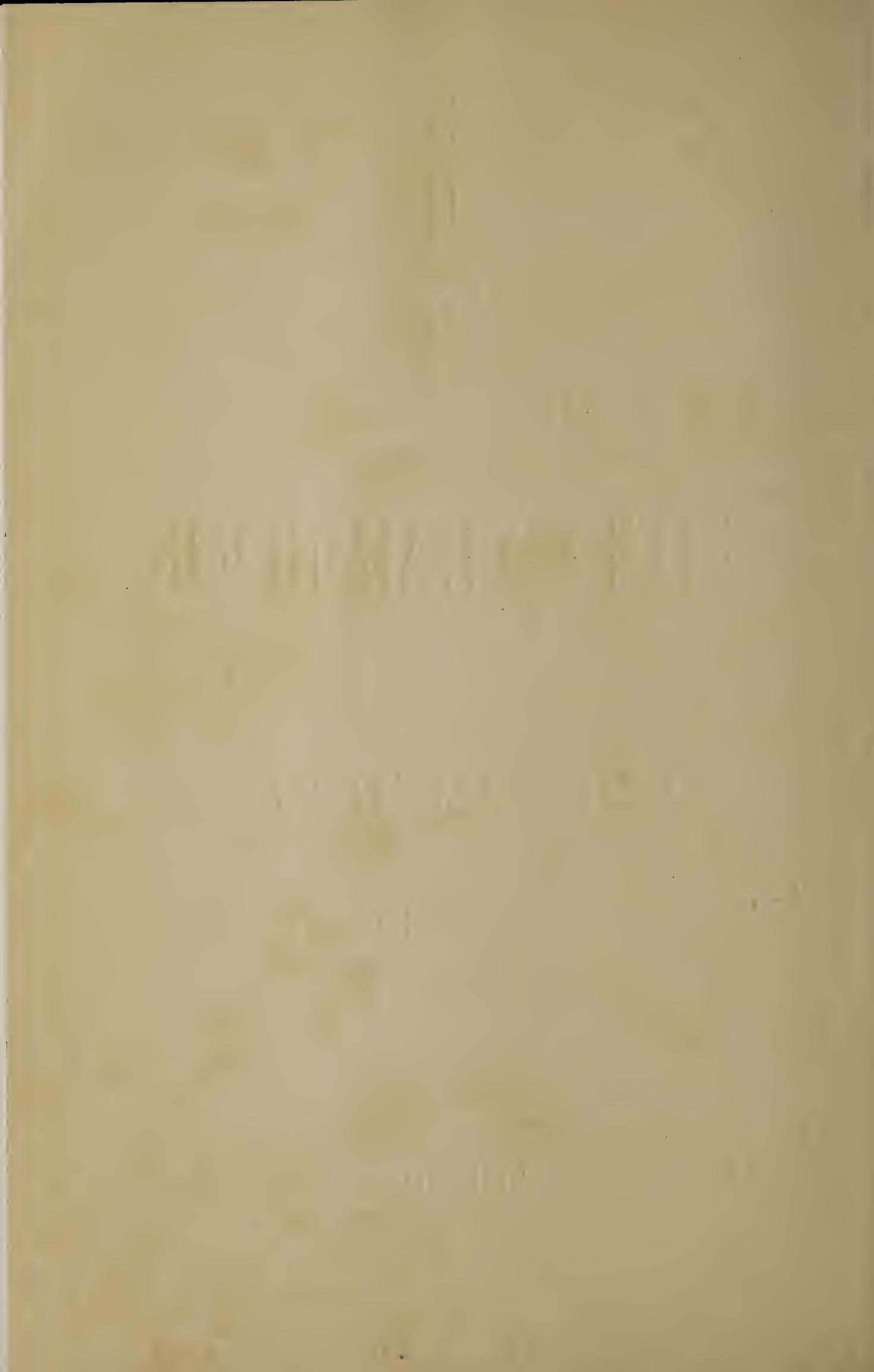
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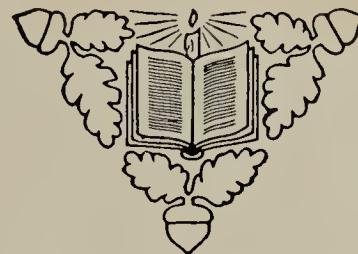


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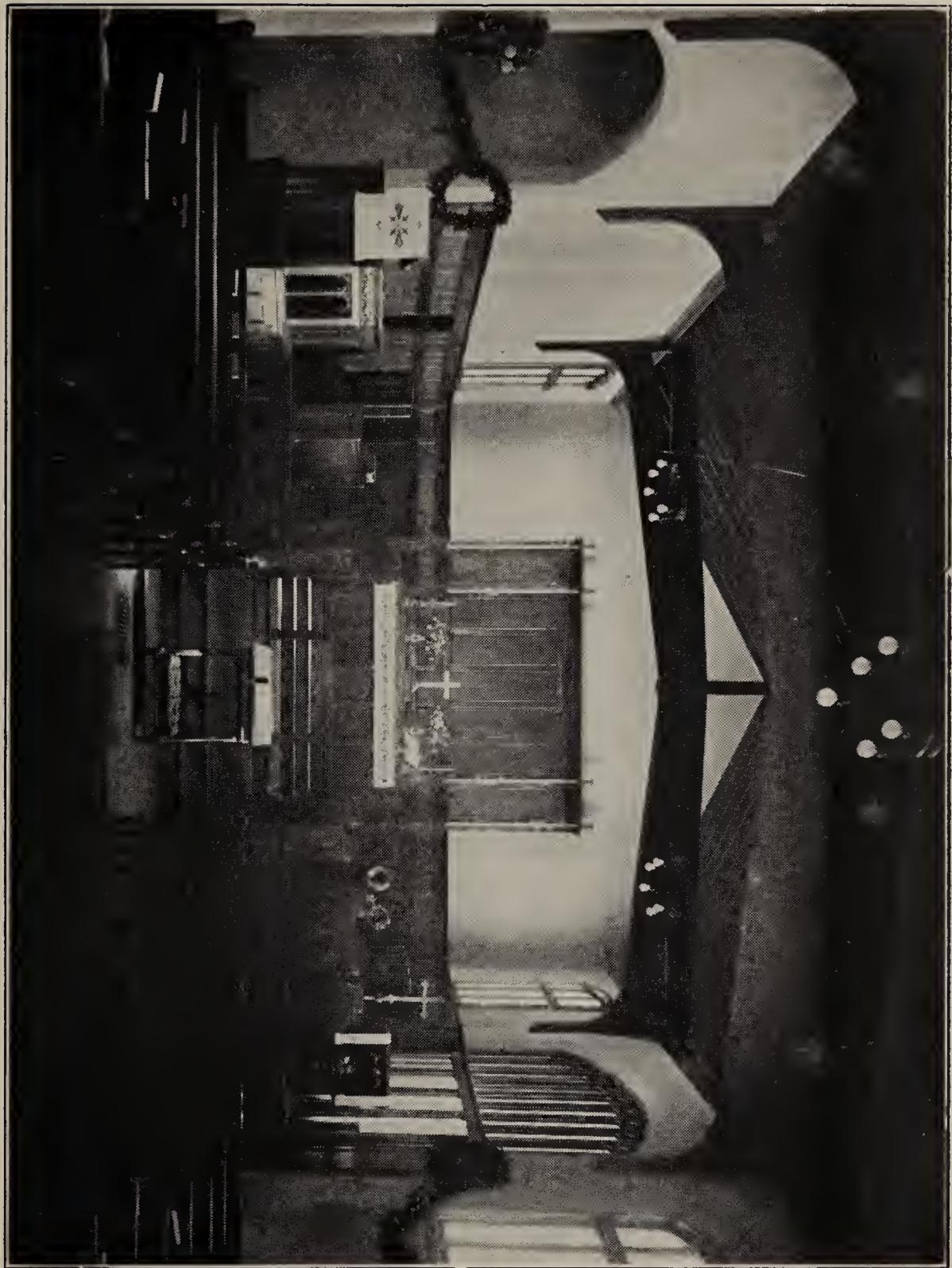
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A FOREWORD BY THE RECTOR

CHRIST CHURCH, Needham, has come to one of the great milestones in her existence as she is rounding out the celebration of her fiftieth anniversary. She has had an interesting history, as can be gleaned from other pages in this booklet. She has been indebted to devoted people in every period of her growth. And that devotion is apparent today in the accomplishments which have been recorded by those who are now worshipping within her walls. But above all, she has been a church blessed by the overshadowing providence of God, Who has led her to her present honorable estate, and crowned her efforts with an impressive success.

This fiftieth year has been an outstanding example of her vision and vigor. Not only has she been freed from all financial encumbrances and prepared for her Consecration on November 5th, but, for the first time in her history, she has assumed her apportioned share in the program of the Christian church throughout the world by pledging her full quota to the work of missions. In the meantime, the church at home has not been neglected, but has been strengthened by the largest offering of pledged support in the history of the parish. Her Church School has reached a new peak in membership. The number of those baptized during the year has surpassed all former records. Her adult congregation has grown year by year until today it lists more than four hundred and fifty families or parts of families. With these facts in mind we can truly say that she has been blessed by the guiding hand of God, and we can look forward with assurance and enthusiasm to a greater Christ Church in the years that lie ahead.

It is with this confidence in our hearts that we dedicate this fiftieth anniversary booklet, that the greater Christ Church, which is to come, may remember the foundations of Divine guidance and human devotion which have made her greatness possible.

REV. H. HAMLIN HALL



CHRIST CHURCH, NEEDHAM

INCORPORATED, AUGUST 19, 1895

CONSECRATED, NOVEMBER 5, 1944

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Bishop of Massachusetts



THE HISTORY OF CHRIST CHURCH

PRESENTED by the rector at the ceremony of the burning of the mortgage, May 24th, 1944.

1894 - 1944

In writing this story of fifty years of the Episcopal Church in Needham, I am deeply indebted to the late William C. Payne, who for forty years served as the clerk of the parish, and prepared a careful history of its early beginnings.

Christ Church owes its foundations to a beloved elderly clergyman who came to the town in 1894, and had the vision and foresight and faith to see a future for the work of the church in Needham and Needham Heights, then known as Highlandville. That clergyman was the Rev. Frederick Pember, and during his nine years of service here he laid the groundwork so well, that the church has maintained regular services ever since. Prior to his coming occasional services had been held. But for the most part, Episcopalians living in the community, attended the churches in Newton Highlands and Wellesley, or affiliated themselves with other local denominations.

On October 25, 1894, the following notice appeared in the post offices at Needham and Needham Heights:

"There will be a service of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the small town hall, Needham, on Sunday afternoon, October 28th at 3 o'clock. All are welcome. Signed, Rev. Frederick Pember."

The congregation that day was small, as is evident from the fact that when an offering was taken, it was found insufficient to pay the hire of the hall, let alone remunerate the minister for his efforts. However, Mr. Pember was not discouraged, and the services continued. A few Sundays later, the congregation transferred its place of meeting to the Masonic Hall, where it continued to hold morning services until 1900.

After a time there came a demand for evening services at Needham Heights, and Whetton's Hall was secured as a meeting place through the efforts of Mr. Albert E. Collishaw. Mr. Pember continued to serve in both places, looking forward to the time when a central location could be secured and a mission parish organized and chartered. The first step toward such organization came in 1895, when a meeting was held in Masonic Hall and an application for a charter of incorporation from the state was decided upon.

The charter was granted as of August 19, 1895, and the first vestry of the parish was selected. It consisted of the following persons:

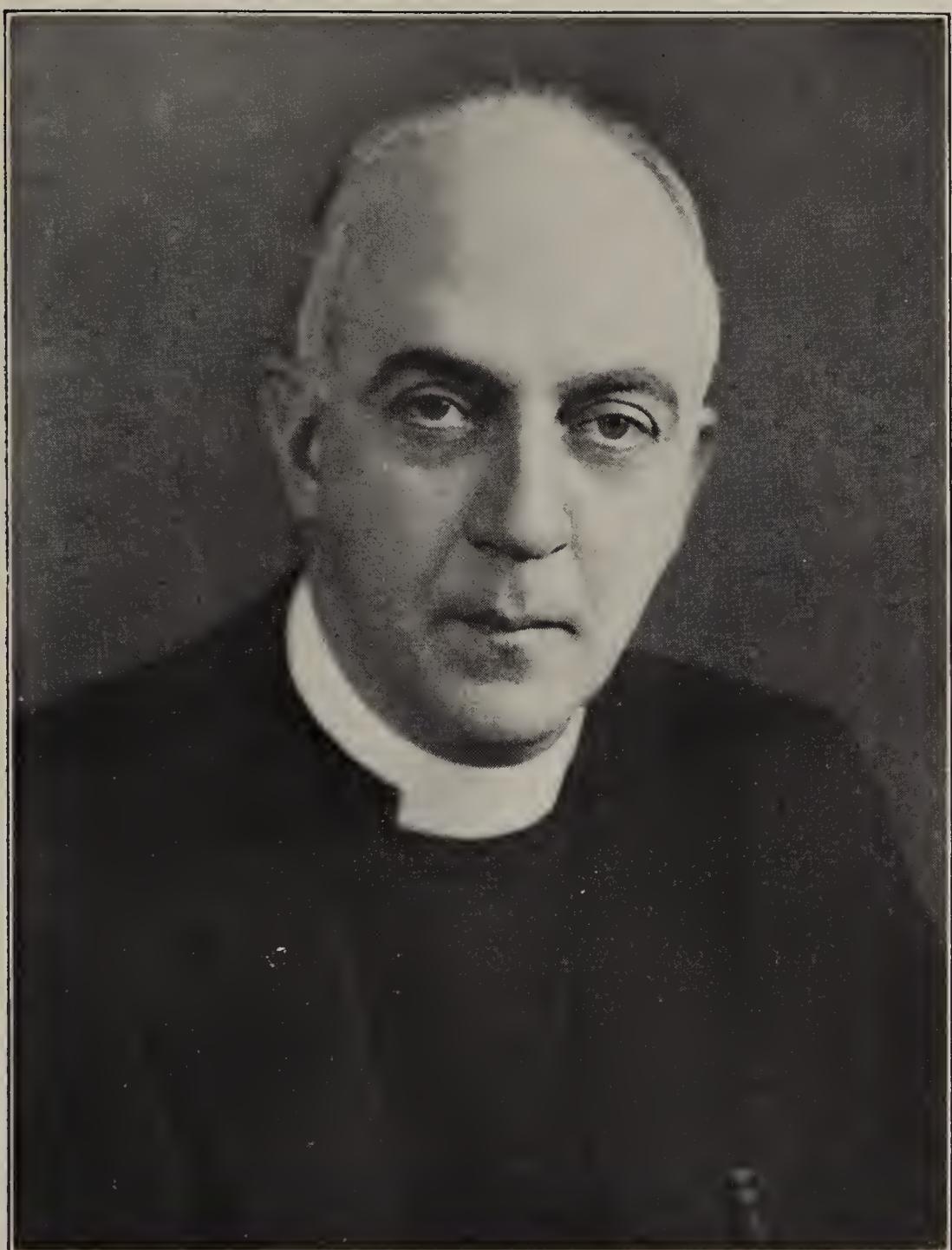
Senior Warden	ALBERT E. COLLISHAW
Junior Warden	PAUL A. HUDDLESTON
Treasurer	FREDERICK W. LESTER
Clerk	WILLIAM C. PAYNE
Vestrymen . . .	WILLIAM T. COLLISHAW, JAMES B. LESTER, PETER WILLGOOSE, FRANK HUNT, C. E. MILLAN

The name of Christ Church was adopted, and Mr. Pember was engaged as rector. Now occurred one of those amusing incidents which enliven the pages of history, but sometimes causes real distress for the people involved. The parish notified the bishop that it was organized, incorporated and ready to proceed, not realizing that the first step in such organization was to consult with the bishop himself. Bishop Lawrence found himself with a new parish on his hands, having had no authority from him. However in his characteristically broadminded way he overlooked the error and gave the parish permission to operate.

The Church School was started on January 1, 1896, and Mr. George B. Fowle, the father of Dr. S. O. Fowle, was named as superintendent. He was devoted to the children and, with a band of faithful teachers, he carried it on until his resignation in 1900.

It is interesting here to note some of the early records of the parish register; for they concern some of the persons still present with us. The first Confirmation class was composed of four persons, and was presented in St. Paul's Church, Newton Highlands. Of that group, Mrs. Edith Currie Knowles is still a member of the parish. The first class confirmed in Needham numbered twenty-nine, six being from the family of Eben Smith, whose son Eben W. Smith served as treasurer and vestryman for a number of years, and whose grandson Eben F. is our immediate past senior warden. Of the remainder, Mrs. Elizabeth Mercer and Mr. and Mrs. William T. Robinson are still associated as parishioners.

The first marriage recorded in the parish is that of Mr. Henry Godfrey Jr. and Miss Matilda Johnson. The second is the marriage of Mr. Samson Hammersley and Miss Emma E. Spicer. The first baptisms took place on December 23, 1894, and included Wallace G. Rae, George L. Rae, Eunice I. Rae, Colin Brittan and Alice M. Pigeon, all of whom were related. The first burial was that of James R. Dring, who died on May 10, 1895. Such records began the story of our parish in this community, and most of the names recorded have played an important part in the life of the parish in subsequent years.



Rt. Rev. Raymond A. Heron, D.D.
Suffragan Bishop of Massachusetts

As the parish grew in membership, the question of a church home became urgent. Most of the Lenten services and meetings of organizations were being held in private houses, as the two halls were not available during the week for these purposes, and the limited income of the parish would not permit an extra outlay of funds. However, many happy social activities can still be recalled by older members as they think back to cake sales and ice cream parties and rehearsals for dramatics which took place from home to home. And many a dollar found its way into the hands of the parish treasurer as a result of these joyous affairs.

Nevertheless, it became more and more apparent that a church building must be purchased or erected and for a time serious consideration was given to the lot where Richwagen's greenhouse now stands. But nothing came of it, and the matter was dropped.

It is to be noted that, at this time, about two-thirds of the parishioners were resident in Needham Heights. These felt that the church should be built either in the Heights or midway between the two villages. Needham residents however were of the opinion that that village was the logical place. And so, the question was debated back and forth until the annual meeting on Easter Monday, April 16, 1900, when it was voted to transfer all services to Needham Heights, and the vestry was authorized to secure land for the building of a church. The following month, the land and buildings at the corner of Highland Avenue and Mellen Street were purchased for \$2,400, and a building committee was appointed. The buildings comprised a poolroom, a paint shop and a blacksmith shop. The blacksmith shop was moved back to face on Mellen Street. The poolroom was fronted on Highland Avenue, and the paint shop placed at right angles in the rear so as to form a chancel and vestry. Thus was the little shingled church built which still stands, and is being used today as the lodge rooms for the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

The first service was held in the new church home on September 26, just four months from the time the plans were started. Bishop Lawrence was present, and the soloists of the occasion were Miss Emily Phillips, later to become Mrs. James A. Ackroyd, and Mr. George Allsebrook. Now that the parish was able to house its activities as well as its congregation under one roof, the life of the parish took on new energy. Both the church and church school increased in membership, and were in a promising condition when Mr. Pember found it necessary to resign in 1903 because of ill health. He had laid the foundations well, and he held a warm place in the affections of his people, who were loathe to accept the resignation of their first rector. During the remaining years of his life, he maintained a deep interest in the little church until his decease in 1914.

But what had been happening in the village of Needham during these later years? A number of those who had refused to concur with the majority in 1900 when it was decided to build in Needham Heights, had petitioned



Paint Shop and Poolroom



The First Church

the diocesan authorities for permission to establish a mission there, under the name of Trinity Mission. The consent of the congregation in the Heights was given unanimously, and a building fund of \$250 was divided that Trinity Mission might have half of it for a future church if such a building was erected. Some of the former members of Christ Church played an important part in getting the new mission started, including Mr. and Mrs. Charles S. Courtenay, Mr. and Mrs. George B. Fowle and Mr. and Mrs. Peter Willgoose. The warden of the mission during its last two years was Mr. A. Stuart Hamilton, father of Mr. David S. Hamilton, past warden and vestryman of our present church, and Mr. Arthur S. Hamilton for eleven years the treasurer of this parish. The mission continued until 1908, when it was decided to reunite the two parishes for the strengthening of the Episcopal Church in the two communities.

We come back again to the story of the church in the Heights. The three years following Mr. Pember's resignation found the church without a resident rector. Services were carried on by students from the Episcopal Theological School and by the rectors of neighboring churches, notably, Dr. Sullivan of Trinity Church, Newton, Dr. Addison of All Saints, Brookline and Rev. George Cox of Cambridge.

On January 1, 1906, Rev. Newton Black came as the new rector. Immediately the church took on new life. Mr. Black proved himself an able and energetic leader, and his work among the boys of this community is going to stand as a lasting remembrance of his ministry. We still hear many favorable comments on the boy's choir which he organized. But the work for which Mr. Black's name will be remembered longest is the reunion of the two parishes and the building of our present church. In the latter venture, Bishop Lawrence proved to be a great help. He came to Needham and made a personal survey of possible locations for a new church. A site on Richwagen's hill, near where the high school now stands, had been suggested. But the parish did not feel itself in position, financially, to underwrite the cost at that time. On April 5, 1912, Mr. Black received a letter from Bishop Lawrence which contained the following paragraph: "I have decided that the time for united action on the part of us all has arrived. I have, through the reenforcement fund, obtained an option on the triangular lot of land on the corner of Highland Avenue and Rosemary Street, which is a central site for the whole of Needham, and with the development of the community will, I am confident, become more and more central. This lot of land costing \$1,500 will be given to the parish, if within one month the people of the parish and of the town of Needham have pledged \$1,500 towards the construction of a church on the lot."

Within the month a special parish meeting was called, and the bishop's offer accepted. Authorization was also given to dispose of the church and land then in use, and Mr. Edmund Q. Sylvester was engaged to prepare plans for a

new church, parish house and rectory. It was felt advisable to start work on the church first, and to construct the other additions when the necessary funds could be secured. The cornerstone of the new church was laid on June 28, 1913, with the Rt. Rev. Samuel Babcock officiating and Rev. Messrs. Black and Pember attending him. Much of the equipment of the old church was transferred to the new, including a pulpit from Emmanuel Church, Wakefield, a lectern from St. Mary's, Newton Lower Falls and a prayer desk from St. Paul's Church, Newton Highlands. The approximate cost of the new church was \$8,200. On Friday, December 7, 1913, the church was dedicated, Bishop Lawrence being present. On Sunday, December 9, the first regular service was held, with Rev. Frederick Pember as the preacher. On January 5, 1917, a committee was appointed, composed of Rev. Newton Black, Mr. James A. Ackroyd and Mr. Arthur G. Curren, to take necessary steps for the building of a parish house. In the same year the property at Highland Avenue and Mellen Street was sold for \$3,100, and the proceeds used toward defraying the cost of the new parish house. The following year the parish was saddened by the resignation of the rector. A quotation from the late William C. Payne bears witness to the affection and esteem in which he was held by his parishioners: "The parishioners were loathe to let him go; for so much progress had been made under his leadership. How hard he had worked to bring the parish to the condition it was then in can never be adequately told. In and out of season he aimed to secure adequate and churchly quarters, to consolidate the parish into a harmonious and well rounded organization that would exert a widespread influence for good. In this he succeeded." And when his rectorship was ended, he left the parish in such good financial condition that a bequest, given at an earlier date by Miss Mary C. Pratt, was sufficient to remove all indebtedness.

Early in 1919, Rev. M. Oakman Patton was called to be the new rector. During his rectorate the stage was added to the parish house, and the men's club room built in the basement just under it. The Men's Club was duly organized under the name of the Frederick Pember Men's Club, and has continued to function under that name until a year ago when war conditions seemed to justify suspension of its activities for the duration. Mr. Patton resigned as rector in June, 1925, and was succeeded by Rev. Richard G. Preston, then curate of St. Stephen's Church, Lynn. Mr. Preston proved himself to be an excellent organizer, an able preacher and a capable and energetic leader. He began his duties on February 1, 1926, and by April 1, was already laying plans for a new chancel and rectory. So thoroughly did he have the congregation behind him, that by September 1, the rectory was purchased and by Christmas Day of the same year the chancel was completed. A few months later the present organ was installed, due largely to the enthusiastic efforts of the choir.

As an aftermath to the first world war, Needham experienced a notable growth in its population. Many families moved in from Boston and from



Early Picture of Present Church

neighboring towns, with the result that the church enjoyed a marked increase in its membership. The time came during Mr. Preston's rectorship that it felt itself strong enough to become self supporting, and in 1929 it passed from the status of a mission to an independent parish.

At the annual meeting of January, 1930, Mr. Preston presented his resignation to take effect the latter part of February. His four years had witnessed such growth and achievement in the life of the parish, that his decision to leave met with genuine regret. But the call to Grace Church, Newton, seemed an important challenge, and the congregation wished him Godspeed as he left to take up his new work.

In that same month of February an invitation was extended to the present incumbent to become the new rector, and on May 1, he took up residence in Needham. It was a joy to find the parish so well organized and the members so enthusiastic about the future of their church. But the call contained a challenge too, for the many additions required by a rapidly growing work had increased the funded debts of the parish to \$20,900. At the same time, it seemed important that the parcel of property immediately at the rear of the church on Rosemary Street should be acquired in order to provide for future enlargements without overcrowding. This property was purchased for \$1,000. So the actual indebtedness became \$21,900. To pay off that indebtedness seemed to be the most pressing requirement of the parish, and the new rector and vestrymen set themselves to it with a will. Several substantial donations were received to start the plan. Dime banks were issued to all parishioners, which yielded an encouraging sum, so that by 1937 the indebtedness had been reduced to about \$16,000. By that time Bishop Sherrill had entered into an arrangement with the Old Colony Trust Company of Boston, whereby parishes could refinance their indebtedness at the rate of 4 percent, provided that 1 percent was paid for amortization. At the instigation of Mr. Arthur Curren, then senior warden, Christ Church agreed to decrease its indebtedness at the rate of 10 percent per year as a minimum. Mrs. Samson Hammersley had expressed the wish that the organizations could be freed from all other responsibilities to work on this project. The way was found by encouraging the parishioners to finance the complete parish budget through the weekly pledge envelopes. While the budget has never been completely pledged, sufficient increases resulted so that the plan could be adopted. And from that time on, without any special drives or campaigns, the funded debt has melted away until today it is a thing of the past. At the midnight service on Christmas Eve, 1943, the rector was able to announce that the mortgage was completely paid, thus ending thirteen years of devoted effort toward this objective.

During 1932 the church took an important step forward when it came into full union with the diocese thus assuring its full share of the responsibilities as well as the privileges of a self-supporting parish.

In the spring of 1935, Mr. Black who had retired, after having served as

priest in charge of the Church of the Ascension, Cambridge, was named the first rector emeritus of Christ Church, to the joy of many of his old parishioners.

The parish growth over the last fifteen years has been a remarkable one. In 1930 there were 335 confirmed persons, today they number 865. In 1930 the annual income amounted to \$13,072. In 1943 it amounted to \$20,634. In 1930 the sum given to missions was \$731. For 1944 the apportionment accepted is \$2,000. Many memorials have come to adorn the church. The beautiful memorial windows, the junior altar, collection plates, a bulletin board, altar vestments and books, service and national flags. These are but a few, but they all point to the devotion of a people who love their church, and believe in its permanency.

Tonight we are assembled to burn the mortgage note of this church, thus preparing the way for its consecration in the autumn. Christ Church is rounding out fifty years of its history. It has been an interesting history and an honorable one. It has its roots sunk deep in the lives of many who are gathered here this evening. For many it is the only church home they have ever known. You who have come together there tonight are witnessing an important event in the life of your church home. May it inspire you to greater devotion to its services and greater interest in its future, that this heritage which is now in your hands may be blessed by your loyalty, and that Christ Church may continue to serve to the glory of God, and the betterment of mankind.



Rev. Harry Hamlin Hall, A.B., B.D.
Present Rector



CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS

THE WOMAN'S GUILD

President.....	MRS. LAWTON B. CAPRON
Vice-President.....	MRS. GLENDON V. PARTRIDGE
Secretary.....	MISS BERTHA E. PUGSLEY
Treasurer.....	MRS. LEWIS J. WARD
Chaplain.....	MRS. H. HAMLIN HALL

Chairmen of Committees

Ways and Means.....	MRS. FRANK A. BELL
Hospitality.....	MRS. HERBERT E. BLAISDELL
Visiting.....	MRS. GEORGE A. TROTTER
Work.....	MRS. ALONZO COLLAMORE
Missionary.....	MRS. ROBERT CAPERS
United Thank Offering.....	MRS. RUSSELL A. SIMS
Church Periodical Club.....	MRS. WILLIAM H. KNOWLES
Fair.....	MRS. FRANK S. HOFF

THE WOMAN'S GUILD has the longest history in point of service of any woman's organization in the parish. Its members devote themselves to a varied program of help, taking an active part in the United Thank Offering, the Church Periodical Club and numerous missionary projects at home and abroad, such as sewing for the Red Cross and local hospital, the support of a British child in war time, and the packing of boxes for various mission fields. This in addition to contributing largely to the support of the home church.

The social side of the Guild's program has included this year, lectures, afternoon teas, a play and the meetings of three groups within the Guild in the homes of members.

Through various committees, the Guild sponsored four tables, the tea room and the supper at the annual Fair, and have at all times been instant in support of the rector and his plans.



THE ALTAR GUILD

Directress MRS. J. C. NUTE, JR.
Vice-Directress MISS MARION STEVENS
Secretary MRS. RICHARD W. CURRIE
Treasurer MISS GRACE L. REECE

Members

Mrs. WILLIAM P. BAILEY
Mrs. H. HAMLIN HALL
Miss GRACE L. REECE
Miss MINNIE G. REECE
Mrs. J. C. NUTE, JR.
Miss MARION STEVENS
Mrs. RICHARD W. CURRIE
Miss BERTHA E. PUGSLEY
Mrs. BARTLETT MURDOCK

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MRS. HERBERT BLAISDELL
MRS. GEORGE HANSIS
MRS. ROBERT DAY
MRS. ROLAND MARCH, JR.
MISS EMILY FLETCHER
MISS PHYLLIS PARTRIDGE
MISS CATHERINE DODGE
MISS ELSIE M. HINKLEY

Mrs. RUSSELL A. SIMS

Honorary Members

MRS. A. E. COLLISHAW

REV. & MRS. R. G. PRESTON

Junior Members

MISS VIRGINIA POWELL

MISS BETTY PIERCE

THE STORY of the Altar Guild is one of loyal service reaching back over a period of almost forty years. Prior to 1906 there does not seem to have been an organized group of Altar workers in the parish. Different women volunteered their services, but no regularly appointed group had been formed. From 1906 to 1926 the work of adorning and preparing the Altar was placed in the hands of Mrs. Albert E. Collishaw having only the assistance of her two daughters, Mrs. George Downes and Mrs. Howard Slaney. In 1926, under the supervision of Rev. Richard G. Preston, the Guild was first organized with a regularly elected group of officers. Mrs. William P. Bailey was the first Directress, Mrs. E. Bigelow Thompson, secretary, and Miss Grace Reece, treasurer. Other members of the newly formed Guild were: Mrs. Roland March, Miss Minnie Reece, Miss Bertha Pugsley, Miss Dorothy Smith, Miss Grace Godfrey, Miss Ruth Smith and Miss Dorothy Coleman.

Through all the succeeding years the Guild has carried on faithfully and efficiently, and has kept our Altar beautifully adorned for all services.





*Rev. M. Oakman Patton
Rector 1919-1925*

THE CHOIRS

THE ADULT CHOIR

Directress and Organist.....Mrs. HARLAN COOK
Crucifers.....MR. ROBERT PARTRIDGE - MR. ROY HASKELL

Sopranos

Mrs. PATRICIA GOODWIN	MISS EMILY FLETCHER
MISS CHARLOTTE McELROY	MISS BARBARA LANE
MISS VIRGINIA CHAPMAN	MISS BARBARA GOULD
MISS MARION CHAPMAN	MISS GERTRUDE BRADY
MISS ELIZABETH SWEENEY	MRS. LILLIAN CUDDY
MISS BARBARA FOSTER	MRS. IVY HUSE
MISS SHIRLEY DODGE	MISS JEAN MORRIS
MRS. MARCARET FOUST	

Altos

Mrs. RUTH BIRCH	MISS ANNA McELROY
Mrs. ELSIE BELL	MRS. MILDRED RICHWACEN
MRS. THELMA CHALUE	

Tenors

MR. HAROLD SLANEY	MR. HARLAN COOK
MR. ORVILLE FOUST	MR. HAROLD BLAISDELL (In Service)

Basses

MR. GEORGE DOWNES	MR. LAWTON CAPRON
MR. RUSSELL SIMS	MR. ROGER GOODWIN (In Service)
MR. PHILIP FARNHAM (In Service)	

THE CONGREGATION of Christ Church has real reason to be proud of its adult choir. Not only does it furnish a fitting background for worship, but it has on occasion rendered some of the great oratorios and cantatas in a most inspiring manner. We owe these choristers a great debt of thanks for the loyalty they have shown by regular attendance at rehearsals, and the very reverent way they have conducted their ministry from the chancel.

THE JUNIOR CHOIR

Sopranos

NANCY BELL	CAROL WARD
JOAN CASSIDY	JEAN HARDY
CONSTANCE BROOKE	GRACE SKEHAN
MARY HASKELL	JOAN BRUPBACHER
MARJORIE BRADY	MARJORIE SIMS
OREEN CAULTON	PHYLLIS SMITH
JOAN BOSCHEN	ANN REMINGTON
MARY JANE HURD	DOROTHY WITTE
BARBARA UNDERHILL	ROBERT ARDIFF
JULIE CLARENBACH	JOHN EMMONS
DONALD GARDINER	DONALD WOOD

Altos

BEATRICE KIRKPATRICK	LILLIAN SALAMONE
VIRGINIA PARTRIDGE	JEAN STANLEY
MARY ALICE BIRCH	JOHN KENNEDY

THIS IS an important department in the life of our parish. Not only do the members lead in the singing at the Church School services, but they are the potential members of the adult choir in the years ahead. At least half of the present adult choir were former members of this group. The training is excellent for any child who shows promise of a good singing voice, and the familiarity with church music develops reverent and devoted church members.

THE CHURCH SCHOOL

OFFICERS

Superintendent	THE RECTOR
Assistant Superintendent.....	MR. CHARLES F. KEARNEY
Supply Secretary.....	MR. FRANK A. BELL, JR.
Treasurer.....	MR. GEORGE A. DOWNES
Birthday Offering.....	MR. ROBERT BLACKINGTON
Class Accountants..	MISS CAROLINE KEARNEY - MISS JANE KEARNEY

TEACHERS

Pre-Kindergarten

MRS. EARL RICHWAGEN	MISS ELSIE HINCKLEY
MISS CHARLOTTE McELROY	MISS VIRGINIA CHAPMAN
MISS VIRGINIA POWELL	

Kindergarten

Miss DOROTHY WHITEHEAD	MISS BETTY PEIRCE
MISS ANN PEIRCE	

PRIMARY DEPARTMENT

First Grade Girls.....	MRS. ROGER GOODWIN
First Grade Boys.....	MR. EDWARD THURSTON
Second Grade Girls.....	MISS CHARLOTTE ROBBINS
Second Grade Boys.....	MR. ROBERT PARTRIDGE
Third Grade Girls.....	MISS BETTY SWEENEY
Third Grade Boys.....	MRS. KENNETH ROBES

INTERMEDIATE DEPARTMENT

Fourth Grade Girls.....	MRS. ROBERT LIBBEY
Fourth Grade Boys.....	MR. STANLEY RAWSTRON
Fifth Grade Girls.....	MISS BETTY GODFREY
Fifth Grade Boys.....	MR. HAROLD SLANEY
Sixth Grade Girls.....	MISS MARION CHAPMAN
Sixth Grade Boys.....	MR. LAWRENCE COMPTON

JUNIOR DEPARTMENT

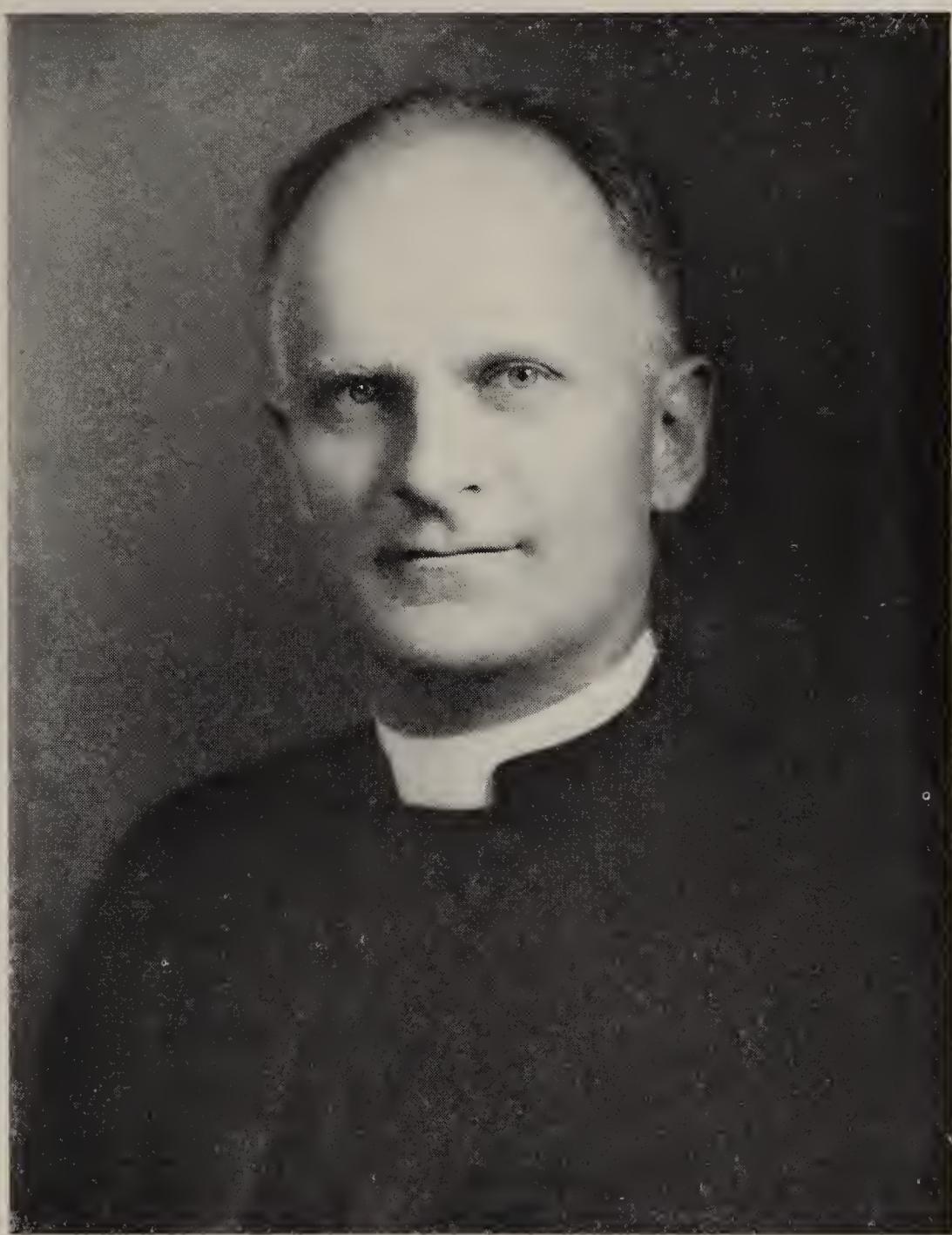
Seventh Grade Girls.....	MISS HELEN CLEWS
Seventh Grade Boys...Mr. CLIFFORD HEALD - Mr. HOWARD CUDDY	
Eighth Grade Girls.....	MRS. HENRY LARSON
Eighth Grade Boys.....	MR. GEORGE DOWNES

SENIOR DEPARTMENT

Ninth Grade Girls.....	MRS. GLENDON PARTRIDGE
Ninth Grade Boys.....	MR. WILLIAM REGAN
Tenth Grade Girls.....	MRS. FRANK BELL
Tenth Grade Boys.....	MR. ALFRED BIRCH

THE DEVELOPMENT of the Church School has been one of the outstanding achievements of our parish over the years. In this fiftieth year it numbers over three hundred pupils, teachers and officers. The graded system is used throughout the school except in the three kindergarten departments. The school hour begins with a service in the church at 9:30 A.M., with special religious instruction given by the rector. This is followed by regular class work under the supervision of the individual teachers. It is worth noting that our Church School stood sixth among all the parishes in the diocese in the amount given to missions this year through the medium of the Lenten Mite Boxes.





Rev. Richard G. Preston, A.B., B.D.

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THE JUNIOR GUILD

President.....	MRS. JOHN A. PETERSON
1st Vice-President.....	MRS. GORHAM W. HUMPHREY
2nd Vice-President.....	MRS. LAWRENCE G. COMPTON
Recording Secretary.....	MRS. PHILIP W. LIVINGSTON
Corresponding Secretary.....	MRS. CHARLES F. KEARNEY
Treasurer.....	MRS. MORGAN E. JENNINGS

Chairmen of Committees

Entertainment.....	MRS. BERNARD HEYMAN
Publicity.....	MRS. JAMES L. GARDINER
Reception.....	MRS. WALTER G. SIMS
Membership.....	MRS. NORMAN M. ROCHESTER
Visiting.....	MRS. WILLIAM C. TYREE
Nominating.....	MRS. A. C. TED WALTON
Fair.....	MRS. KENNETH H. ROBES
Play.....	MRS. CHARLES H. BEALE
Service.....	MRS. STANLEY RAWSTRON

THE JUNIOR GUILD was organized on October 9, 1931. For some time a growing need had been felt for a young woman's organization in the parish, which would afford opportunity for social contacts as well as furnishing interesting ways in which they might show their loyalty to the parish. The first meeting brought together about twenty young women, who proceeded to organize themselves as the Junior Guild under the supervision of the rector. The first officers elected were: President, Mrs. Earl Richwagen; Vice-President, Mrs. J. Norman Gledhill; Secretary, Mrs. Ray B. Greene and Treasurer, Mrs. Charles F. Kearney.

It is interesting to note the plans of this organization as it was starting its first season. The following excerpt has been taken from a copy of the *Parish Visitor* in November, 1931: "A very interesting program is outlined for the winter season, including the making of rugs, lamp shades, table mats, candy. A play, to be given by the members, is in prospect. A health class is planned. There will be other departments of work and entertainment which should make the society very attractive to members and prospective members." From these small beginnings the organization has grown, until today it numbers about one hundred and twenty-five members, with sewing groups, drama groups, service groups and social meetings in various homes during the year to carry on an elaborate program of missionary effort and parish support. The Junior Guild has been responsible for the following tables at the Fair: dolls, plants, novelties, children's finery and grab bag, in addition to the luncheon which is always held on the first day of the Fair. They have come to fill a very important niche in the life of the parish.

THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S FELLOWSHIP

President.....	MISS FRANCES MORSE
Vice-President of Worship.....	MISS VIRGINIA POWELL
Vice-President of Study.....	MISS JEAN HAMILTON
Vice-President of Service.....	MISS JOAN SWEENEY
Vice-President of Recreation.....	MISS ELAINE SALAMONE
Secretary.....	MISS PEGGY KUHN
Treasurer.....	MR. KENNETH ROBES

THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S FELLOWSHIP has been an important feature in the life of the parish since October 5, 1930. Its first officers were: President, Miss Ina Hanson; Vice-President, Mr. Richard Hodgdon; Secretary, Miss Janet Hodgdon; Treasurer, Mr. Curtis Low. During all its history it has been under the personal supervision of the rector. Each year a course has been given on some phase of church life or Christian living, and the response of the young people has been enthusiastic throughout the fifteen years. Plays and dances have furnished the social side of the group's program. Many members have been sent to Concord Conference at the expense of the organization, and a regular quota is given each year to help support the home parish. The Y.P.F. has ministered to many unfortunate families in the community and surrounding towns. So far this year, they have assisted the Perkins Institute for the Blind by furnishing Christmas gifts of money to several of the students attending there.



THE SERVER'S GROUP

Director.....	THE RECTOR
Instructor.....	MR. HAROLD S. LOUDEN

Members

MR. RICHARD SMITH	MR. HUGH MARCH
MR. ROBERT PARTRIDGE	MR. KENNETH ROBES
MR. WILLARD PAYSON	MR. CHARLES McDONALD
MR. RANDOLPH WARD	MR. WALTER SIMS
MR. HOWARD DODGE	MR. DONALD MORSE
MR. EDWARD THURSTON	

THE SERVER'S GROUP was first organized in 1934. Its purpose has been to train young men to assist the rector at the Altar, thereby increasing their devotion to the church and encouraging them to become outstanding Christian examples for the younger members in the congregation. They have been chosen for their character, their loyalty to the church and their dependability. Many of the young men on the fighting fronts today have been members of this group, and we feel sure that the training they received here has stood them in good stead as they faced the stark realism of war.



*Rev. Newton Black, A.B.
Rector Emeritus*

THE MR. AND MRS. CLUB

President.....MR. & MRS. WILLIAM G. REGAN
Treasurer.....MR. & MRS. HARRY H. REIFENSTEIN

THE MR. AND MRS. CLUB was proposed as an alternate for the Frederick Pember Men's Club during the war years, when so many of our young men have been away from home. Its purpose is purely social, with meetings held about three times a year. Organized in October, 1943, it has proved an important link in parish life by furnishing the opportunity for social gatherings of the adult members of our congregation.

OTHER GROUPS

OTHER ORGANIZATIONS which have had a place in the history of Christ Church, but which are not functioning at the present time are: The first Junior Guild, Christ Church Auxiliary, The Girl's Friendly Society and the Frederick Pember Men's Club. One or more of these groups may be recalled to active participation in the parish program at some future date.



MEMORIALS AND GIFTS IN THE CHURCH

MEMORIALS

Altar Cross.....	In memory of Lucy E. Spicer and Annie E. Spicer
Credence Table.....	In memory of Josiah Hull
Candelabra.....	In memory of Fred Ernest Smith
Altar Vases.....	In memory of Thomas and Catherine C. Lester
Altar Cushions.....	In memory of Albert E. Collishaw
Altar Book.....	In memory of Mary Elizabeth Jones
Bishop's Prayer Desk.....	In memory of Joseph Campion Creed
Pyx.....	In memory of George Harley Knowles
Kneeling Cushions.	In memory of George S. Hazard, George A. Hazard, Margaret H. Rice
Two Choir Seats.....	In memory of Jane Dixon Clews and Frederick G. Clews
Hymn Board.....	In memory of Ellsworth Brown Porter
Processional Cross.....	In memory of Mary Elizabeth Jones
Font.....	In memory of Moses and Roland Downer
Children's Altar.....	In memory of Emma Frances Lister
Lectern.....	In memory of Lena Brown Preston
Litany Book.....	In memory of Habib G. Ferran
Pulpit Bible.....	In memory of Eleanor Pettipiece Curren
Bulletin Board.....	In memory of Margaret B. Mulholland
Missal Desk.....	In memory of Carl Hansis
Altar Vases.....	In memory of Carl Robert Rcece
Prayer Desk.....	In memory of Thirza Brownsell
Book of Common Prayer.	In memory of Amos Roscoe Storer and Hannah Josephine Storer
Lectern Bible.....	In memory of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hunt, Sr.
Episcopal Church Flag.....	In memory of Miss Minnie E. Compton
Service Flag.....	In memory of Lt. Douglas H. Rawstron
National Flag	In memory of Helen Howarth Sidell
Red Altar Hangings.....	In memory of Emily Adams
Green Altar Hangings.....	In memory of Martha Robinson
Baptismal Shell.....	In memory of Lt. Tom Montague Falls
Memorial Window.....	In memory of Elizabeth L. Payne and Ellen Payne Newton
Memorial Window.....	In memory of Mrs. Eben W. Smith
Memorial Window.....	In memory of Mr. Eben W. Smith
Memorial Window.....	In memory of Mr. John R. Day
Memorial Window.....	In memory of Baby Allene Hayward
Memorial Window.....	In memory of Mrs. Alice E. Mitchell
Memorial Window.....	In memory of Mr. Arthur E. Moss and Mrs. Elizabeth L. Moss



GIFTS

Altar.....	A gift of the Woman's Guild
Bishop's Chair.....	A gift of Christ Church Auxiliary
Clergy Seats.....	A gift of the Vestry of 1926
Litany Desk.....	A gift of Parishioners who returned from World War I
Junior Altar Cross.....	A gift of Children of the Church School
Organ.....	A gift of Christ Church Choir
Altar Rail.....	A gift of the Young People's Fellowship
Sedilia.....	A gift of the Frederick Pember Men's Club
Sanctuary Rug.....	A gift of the Altar Guild
Two Collection Plates.....	A gift of the First Junior Guild
Processional Cross.....	A gift of the First Junior Guild
Chalice.....	A gift of the Girl's Club of Christ Church
National Flag.....	A gift of Charles E. Stanwood
Red Veil and Burse.....	A gift of Harold E. Slaney
Red Pulpit Fall.....	A gift of Rev. and Mrs. H. Hamlin Hall
Collection Plate and Alms Bason.....	A gift of Mr. and Mrs. David Hamilton
Two Prayer Books.....	A gift of Miss Ruth Ivey
Candle Sticks.....	A gift of Mrs. Norman McPhail
Sacristy Cross and Sacristy Scroll.....	A gift of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Hamilton
Sacristy Cabinet.....	A gift of Mrs. Albert Horn
Altar Rug.....	A gift of Mrs. Lawrence Hopkins
Organ Mirror.....	A gift of Mr. James Ackroyd
Red Book Markers.....	A gift of Miss Marion Stevens and Miss Bertha Pugsley
Altar Linens.....	A gift of the Altar Guild
Lace Superfrontal.....	A gift of Miss Bertha E. Pugsley
Chalice and Paten.....	A gift of St. Luke's Church, Germantown, Pa.
Red Silk Roping.....	A gift of Mr. Herbert E. Blaisdell
Chancel Carpet.....	A gift of Mr. Arthur Curren
Chancel Hymnals.....	A gift of Mr. David Hamilton
Altar Embroidery.....	A gift of Mrs. O. D. Foster
Red and Purple Altar Hangings (velvet).....	A gift of Mr. Brett Montague
Altar Linens.....	A gift of Mrs. Richard Falls
Altar Linens.....	A gift of Mrs. Arthur Hamilton
Hymn Board.....	A gift of Mr. and Mrs. John Moore
Candle Sticks.....	A gift of Mrs. Frank Hoff
Chancel Mirror.....	A gift of Mr. Allan Alexander
Organ Screen.....	A gift of Mr. Herbert E. Blaisdell
200 Hymnals and 230 Prayer Books donated as memorials and gifts by many members of the parish.	

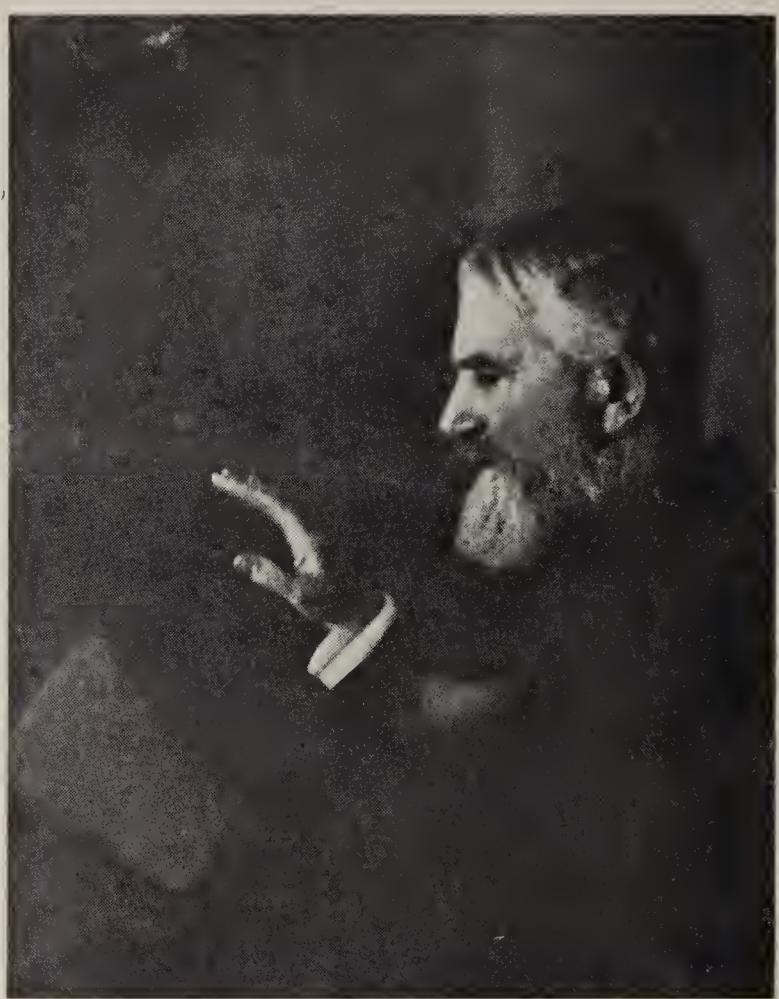




LIST OF RECTORS OF THE PARISH

*1894 - 1903 REV. FREDERICK PEMBER, A.B.
1906 - 1918 REV. NEWTON BLACK
*1919 - 1925 REV. M. OAKMAN PATTON
1926 - 1930 REV. RICHARD G. PRESTON, A.B., B.D.
1930 - REV. H. HAMLIN HALL, A.B., B.D.

*Deceased.



Rev. Frederick Pember, A.B.



HONOR ROLL OF CHRIST CHURCH

1940 - 1944

Whiteley Ackroyd	Edwin Gilmore
Donald Allen	Roger Goodwin
John Appleby	Ray Greene, Jr.
LeRoy Arringdale	Richard Greene
Richard Barta	Charles Hall
Samuel Beattie	Samuel Hall, 3rd
Harold Blaisdell	William Hall
Parker Boschen	Edward Hansis
Wilbur Boschen	Evelyn Hansis
Edward Bower	Irma Hanson
John Brady	William Hanson
Richard Brownville	Henry Hardy
James Brundrett	Ashley Haszard
Robert Buckley	Charlotte Haszard
William Buckley	June Haszard
Donald Butcher	Sidney Haszard
Robert Capers	Frederick Heald
Robert Chalue	Gordon Hebb
George Caunt	Charles Hersey
William Caunt	Robert Hersey
Charles Chorlton	Girard Hobbs
* Robert Collamore	Milton Hoitt
* John Cook	David Howe
Robert Cook	Parkman Howe, Jr.
Arthur Curren, Jr.	Miles Hulse
Ann Cutler	Clarence Humberstone
Evelyn Davis	William Humberstone
Russell Davis	Lois Imbescheid
Chester Delano	John Jensenius
Charles Dodge	Clifford Johnson
Curtis Dodge	George Johnson
Julian Dorr	Philip Johnson
Robert Downing	Harry Jeeves
William Drinkwater	Alvin Kershaw
Hubert Doucette	Lewis Kershaw
Chester Dusseault	George Knowles
Ronald Duvall	James Knowles
David Dyer	Robert Knowles
Walter Eastman	Earl Koldenborg
Arthur Farnham, Jr.	Donald Kramer
Philip Farnham	Ernest Kramer
Henry Gilbert	Frank Kramer
Charles Gillis	Robert Kramer

Curtis Low	R. Minturn Sedgwick
Donald Lumsden	Graham Simpson
Roland March, Jr.	William Simpson
Donald MacKay	Frederick Slaney
Kenneth MacKay	Kenneth Slaney
Roy Martensen	Clifton Smith
Kenneth Martin	Eben F. Smith
John McElroy	William C. Smith
Alexander McElwain	Winthrop Smith
Robert Miller	Albert Spicer
Benjamin Mills, 3rd	Charles Spicer, Jr.
Edwin B. Moseley	Ernest Spinney
Stanley Moulton	Charles Stark
George Neilson, Jr.	John Taylor
John Nelson	Phyllis Taylor
Lawrence Osborne	David Thompson
Charles Orne, Jr.	Joseph Thorpe
Robert Pearson	James Turney
Frederick Phelps	Carl Veazie
Harold Pullen	Frank Veazie, Jr.
Robert Rae	Joseph Wagstaff
*Douglas Rawstron	Russell Wagstaff
Frederick Rector, Jr.	Lewis J. Ward, Jr.
Howard Rich	Robert Watkins
Robert Rich	Paul Weber
Newton Roberts	Dalton Wein
William Robinson	Lewis Wheeler
John Roper	Philip Wiggin
Richard Roper	Roy Wiggin, Jr.
Arthur Salamone	Muriel Williams
Frank Salamone, Jr.	Norman Winch
David Scott	

* *Killed in action.*



BURNING THE MORTGAGE

THE CEREMONY of burning the mortgage was held on Wednesday, May 24, 1944, at 8:00 P.M. Ten charter members were present, and were the guests of the occasion. They were: Mrs. Albert E. Collishaw, Miss Elizabeth Lester, Mrs. John Caulton, Mrs. Elizabeth Mercer, Mrs. Henry Godfrey, Mrs. Edith Knowles, Mr. George Allsebrook, Mr. Fred Lester and Mr. and Mrs. William T. Robinson. Following the impressive service in the church, in the presence of a capacity congregation, a reception for the charter members was held in the parish house. A delicious collation was served, and a most enjoyable social hour followed, quite the best parish get-together within the remembrance of those present. A sterling silver bowl, suitably inscribed, was procured as a receptacle for the ashes of the burned mortgage, and will be used hereafter as a baptismal bowl. One interesting feature of the service is worth noting. As the rector and rector emeritus ignited the mortgage note, each person in the church laid his or her hand on the shoulder of the person immediately in front, thereby signifying that this ceremony was the result of the cooperative effort of all the members of the parish. Thus they stood and sang the Doxology as the mortgage note was consumed. The following is the service used that evening:

Processional Hymn — “The Church’s One Foundation”

“I was glad when they said unto me, we will go into the house of the Lord.”

“Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself shall be with them and be their God.”

24th Psalm

Gloria

Lesson, 1 Corinthians 3/9-17

Creed

“The Lord be with you”

“And with thy spirit”

“Let us pray”

The Lord’s Prayer

Blessed be Thy Name, O Lord, that it hath pleased Thee to put into the hearts of Thy servants to free this church from its encumbrances, and devote it to Thy honor and worship. And grant that all who shall enjoy the benefits of this sacred

work may show forth their thankfulness by making a right use of it, to the glory of Thy Blessed Name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O Eternal God, mighty in power, Whom the heaven of heavens cannot contain, much less the walls of temples made with hands, and Who hast been graciously pleased to promise Thy especial presence wherever two or three of Thy faithful servants shall assemble in Thy Name to offer up their praises and supplications unto Thee; be present, we pray Thee, with us who are here gathered together to prepare the way for the consecration of this place to Thy honor and the benefit of Thy people. Bless the efforts of those who conduct its services, and grant them inspiration from Thee, that they may lead Thy flock as true shepherds, and may be faithful stewards of Thy gospel. Accept, we beseech Thee, this service at our hands, and crown it with such success as may tend to promote Thy glory and the furtherance of our happiness both temporal and spiritual, through Jesus Christ, our blessed Lord and Savior. Amen.

Grant, we beseech Thee, O Lord, that whosoever shall draw near to Thee in this place, to give Thee thanks for the benefits which they have received at Thy hands, to set forth Thy most worthy praise, to confess their sins unto Thee, and to ask such things as are requisite and necessary, as well for the body as for the soul, may do it with such steadfastness of faith, and with such seriousness, affection and devotion of mind, that Thou mayest accept their bounden duty and service, and vouchsafe to give whatever in Thine infinite wisdom Thou shalt see to be most expedient for them. All which we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Grace

Hymn — “We Love the Place, O God”

Reading of Bishop Sherrill’s letter of commendation

Names of charter members present announced

History of the Parish, by the Rector

Burning of the mortgage: the Rector and Rector Emeritus by hands on shoulders

Doxology

Anthem

Closing prayer

Prayer for those absent

Benediction

Recessional Hymn — “Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken”

**DIOCESAN HOUSE
1 JOY STREET
BOSTON**

May 15, 1944

Dear Mr. Hall,

It is with great pleasure that I have learned that you plan to burn the mortgage of Christ Church on May 24th. I send this letter of warm congratulations to you, the Wardens and Vestry and the people of the Parish. It has meant fine leadership on your part, splendid cooperation and deep interest on the part of the parishioners of the Parish. This is a great step forward and I am rejoicing enthusiastically with you all.

I wish that I could be present on the 24th, but I have to be in New York for a meeting of the Army and Navy Commission. However, I shall be thinking of you and thanking God for your great accomplishment.

Faithfully yours,

Henry R. Shurcliff

The Rev. Harry H. Hall
1118 Highland Avenue
Needham Heights 94, Mass.



THE PAGEANT

A CHARMING sequel to the burning of the mortgage was the pageant, "The Church Unchained," written and directed by Mrs. Helena Beale, with unusually attractive scenery constructed by her husband Mr. Charles Beale.

The prologue to the pageant depicted a grandmother, granddaughter and little grandson discussing the service of the burning of the mortgage. At the close of the conversation, the granddaughter disclosed that she had had a dream in which she saw a beautiful woman, her hands and feet bound, seated in the courtyard of a church. The woman personified Mother Church, and she was bowed with the heavy bonds of her debts. In the dream, the girl seemed to see various church groups come forward with gifts which were presented at the feet of Mother Church, and in each case a bond was loosened and a candle lighted.

As each group came forward, three devils, "fear, doubt and uncertainty" tried to harass them, but the devils were driven back by two guardian angels. At the close of the pageant, when Mother Church was freed from her bondage, a group of little angels appeared, the devils slunk away to their den, and Mother Church raised her hands in blessing.

This tableau was held, while the rector and rector emeritus re-enacted the burning of the mortgage as the congregation sang the Doxology.

THE CAST OF THE PAGEANT

Grandmother.....	MRS. RALPH TURNERY
Granddaughter.....	MISS VIRGINIA POWELL
Grandson.....	PETER CORSON
Mother Church.....	MRS. GEORGE DOWNES
Candle Lighter.....	ROBERT PARTRIDGE

WOMAN'S GUILD

MRS. LAWTON CAPRON
MRS. GLENDON PARTRIDGE
MRS. LEWIS J. WARD
MISS BERTHA PUGSLEY

JUNIOR GUILD

MRS. JOHN PETERSON
MRS. CHARLES KEARNEY
MRS. GORHAM HUMPHREY
MRS. MORGAN JENNINGS
MRS. LAWRENCE COMPTON
MRS. PHILIP LIVINGSTON

VESTRY

MR. HARRY REIFENSTEIN
MR. WILLIAM SWEENEY
MR. HERBERT BLAISDELL
MR. CHESTER PARSONS
MR. JOHN MOORE

MEN'S CLUB

MR. ALBERT ROBINSON
MR. RICHARD CURRIE

ALTAR GUILD

MRS. CHARLES NUTE, JR.
MISS MARION STEVENS
MISS GRACE REECE

CHOIR

MRS. ROGER GOODWIN
MRS. FRANK BELL
MR. HAROLD SLANEY
MR. GEORGE DOWNES

CHURCH SCHOOL

LARAH PETERSON
JEAN CHASE
PENNY HEALD
JANE CORSON
RUTH BIRCH
SUSAN GLOVER
ANN REMINGTON
JULIE CLARENBACH
MARY JEAN PAGE
ELAINE SALAMONE

PRISCILLA KEARNEY
DONALD WILLIAMSON
DEAN DUSSEAU LT
GEORGE AUSTIN
WILLIAM RAWSTRON
DONALD GARDINER
BRUCE BENTLEY
ROBERT ARDIFF
JOHN KENNEDY
ELMER COOK

YOUNG PEOPLE'S FELLOWSHIP

FRANCES MORSE
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FAMILY GROUP

MR. JAMES ACKROYD
HUGH MARCH

MRS. GEORGE HANSIS
BARBARA GOULD

WILHELMINA RICHWAGEN

GUARDIAN ANGELS

JOAN SWEENEY

EVELYN HESSE

LITTLE ANGELS

ANN HUNT
JANICE CURREN
NANCY WAINWRIGHT
ELEANOR ARDIFF

CAROL COMPTON
MYRNA ROBINSON
BETTY WILLIS
CAROL AUSTIN

Soloist - MRS. ROGER GOODWIN



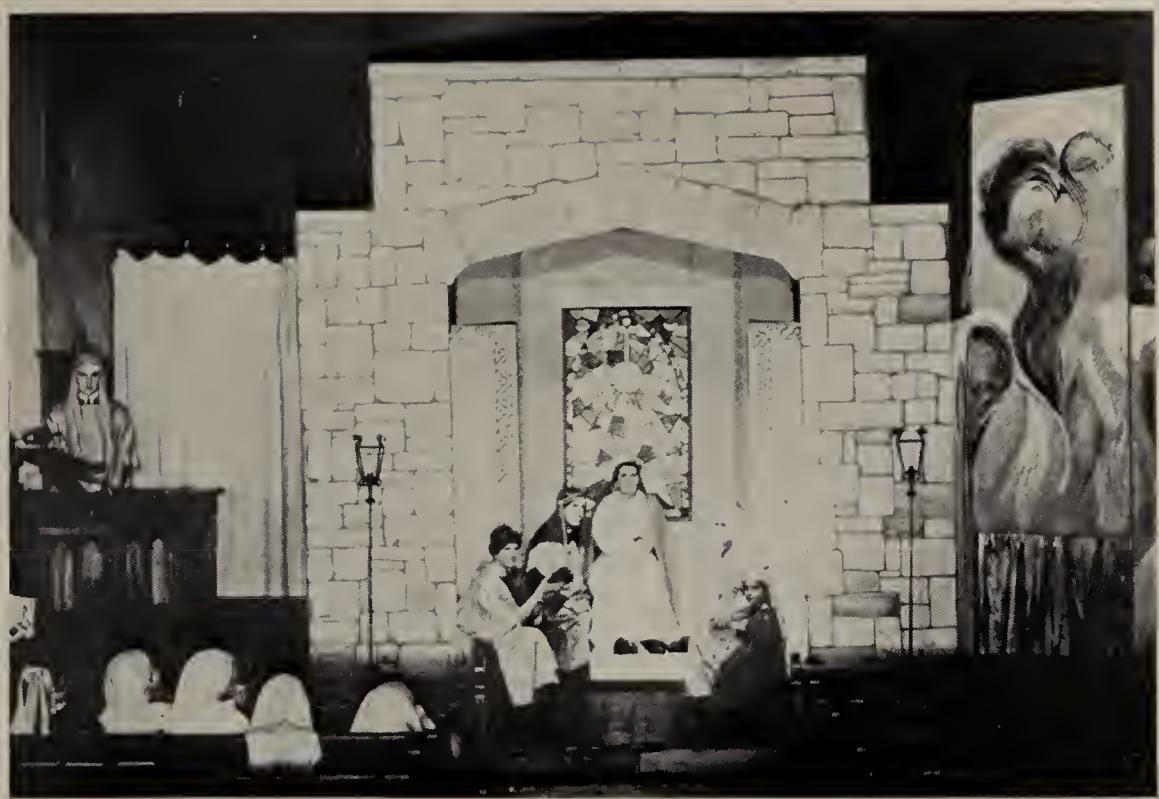
THE PAGEANT TABLEAUX

The following pictures represent the different tableaux depicted in the course of the Pageant. The first is that of the officers of the Woman's Guild and Junior Guild. The second, the Vestry and Men's Club. The third, the Altar Guild and Choir. The fourth, the Church School. The fifth, the Young People's Fellowship. The sixth, a group representing the average Church Family. And the seventh, Angels and Devils. Mother Church and the Candle Lighter appear in all the tableaux. Attention is particularly directed toward the beautiful colored window made of paper, and the Devil's Grotto on the right side of the tableaux.











POSTSCRIPT

THUS we bring to a close this brief story of the first half-century in the life of Christ Church. It has been an honorable story and a happy one. It tells of foundations well laid and devoted service given. But more important than these is the fact that her present vigor and the foresight of her members promise greater achievements in the years that lie ahead; for Christ Church is still a young church, with all the energy of her youth, and with her brightest prospects yet before her. May God give her grace to guard her heritage well, and use it as an inspiration for accomplishing greater things in His Name.



THE SENTENCE OF CONSECRATION

In the Name of God, Amen.

WHEREAS the Rector, Church-wardens and Vestrymen of Christ Church in Needham, and the State of Massachusetts, have by an instrument this day presented to me, appointed and devoted a house of Public Worship erected by them in said Needham to the worship and service of Almighty God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, according to the provisions of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, in its ministry, doctrines, liturgy, rites, and usages; and by a congregation in communion with said church, and in union with the convention thereof in the Diocese of Massachusetts.

And whereas the same Rector, Church-wardens and Vestrymen, have by the same instrument, requested me to take their said house of worship under my spiritual jurisdiction as ninth Bishop of the Diocese of Massachusetts, and that of my successors in office, and to consecrate it by the name of Christ Church, and thereby separate it from all unhallowed, worldly, and common uses, and solemnly dedicate it to the holy purposes above mentioned:

Now therefore know all men by these presents, that I Henry Knox Sherrill D.D. by the Grace of God, ninth Bishop of Massachusetts, acting under the protection of Almighty God, have on this fifth day of November being the twenty-second Sunday after Trinity in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and forty-four taken the above mentioned House of Worship under my spiritual jurisdiction as Bishop aforesaid, and that of my successors in office; and in the presence of divers of the clergy, and a public congregation therein assembled, and according to the form prescribed by the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, have CONSECRATED the same by the name of Christ Church.

And I do hereby pronounce and declare that the said Christ Church is CONSECRATED accordingly, and thereby separated henceforth from all unhallowed, worldly, and common uses, and dedicated to the worship and service of Almighty God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, for reading and preaching His Holy Word, for celebrating His holy Sacraments, for offering to His glorious Majesty the Sacrifices of Prayer, Praise, and Thanksgiving, for blessing His people in His Name, and for the performance of all other Holy Offices, agreeably to the terms of the covenant of grace and salvation in Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, and according to the provisions of the

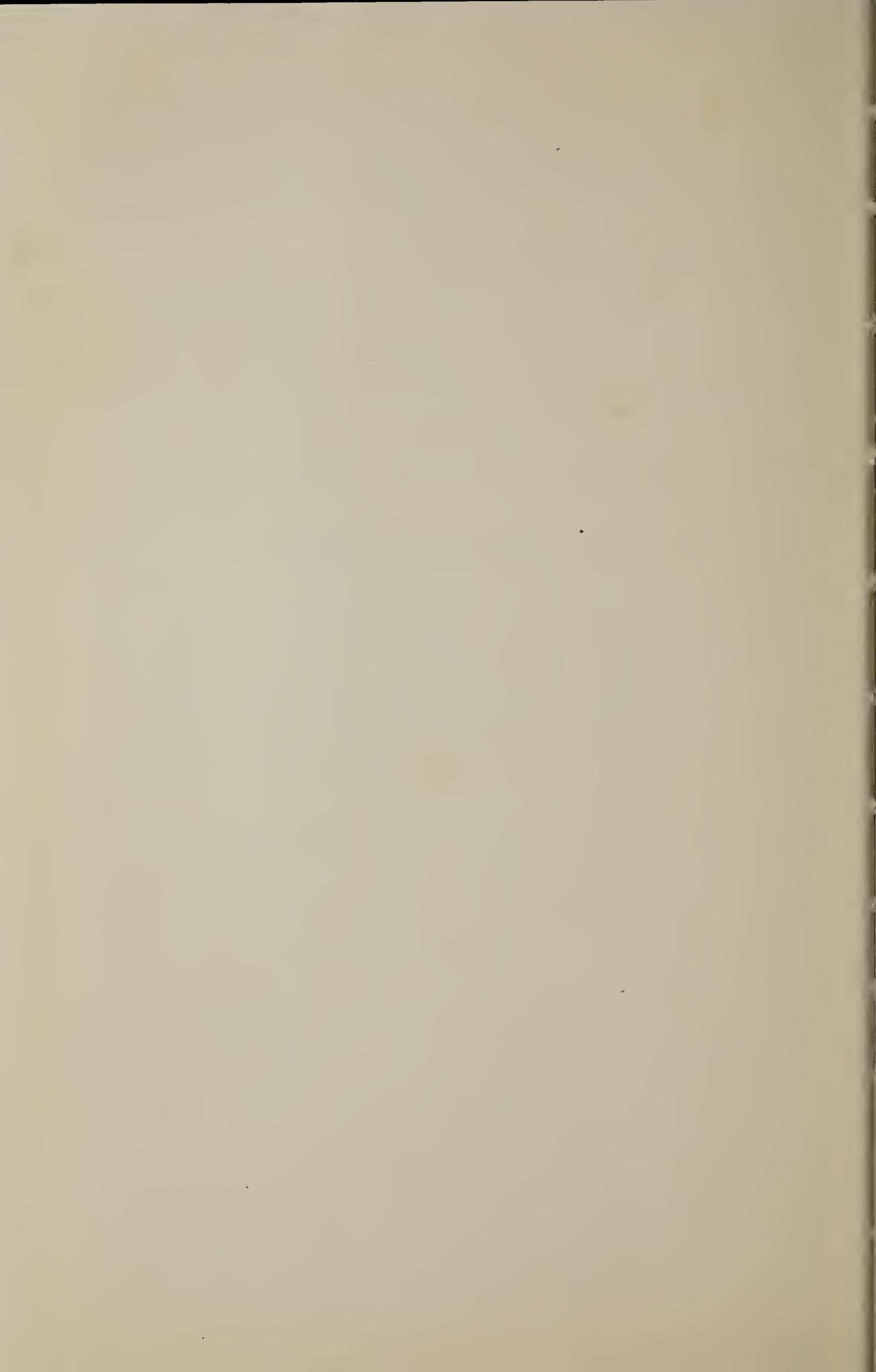
Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, in its ministry,
doctrines, liturgy, rites and usages.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto affixed my seal and signature in
Boston on the day and in the year above written, and in the fifteenth year
of my Consecration.

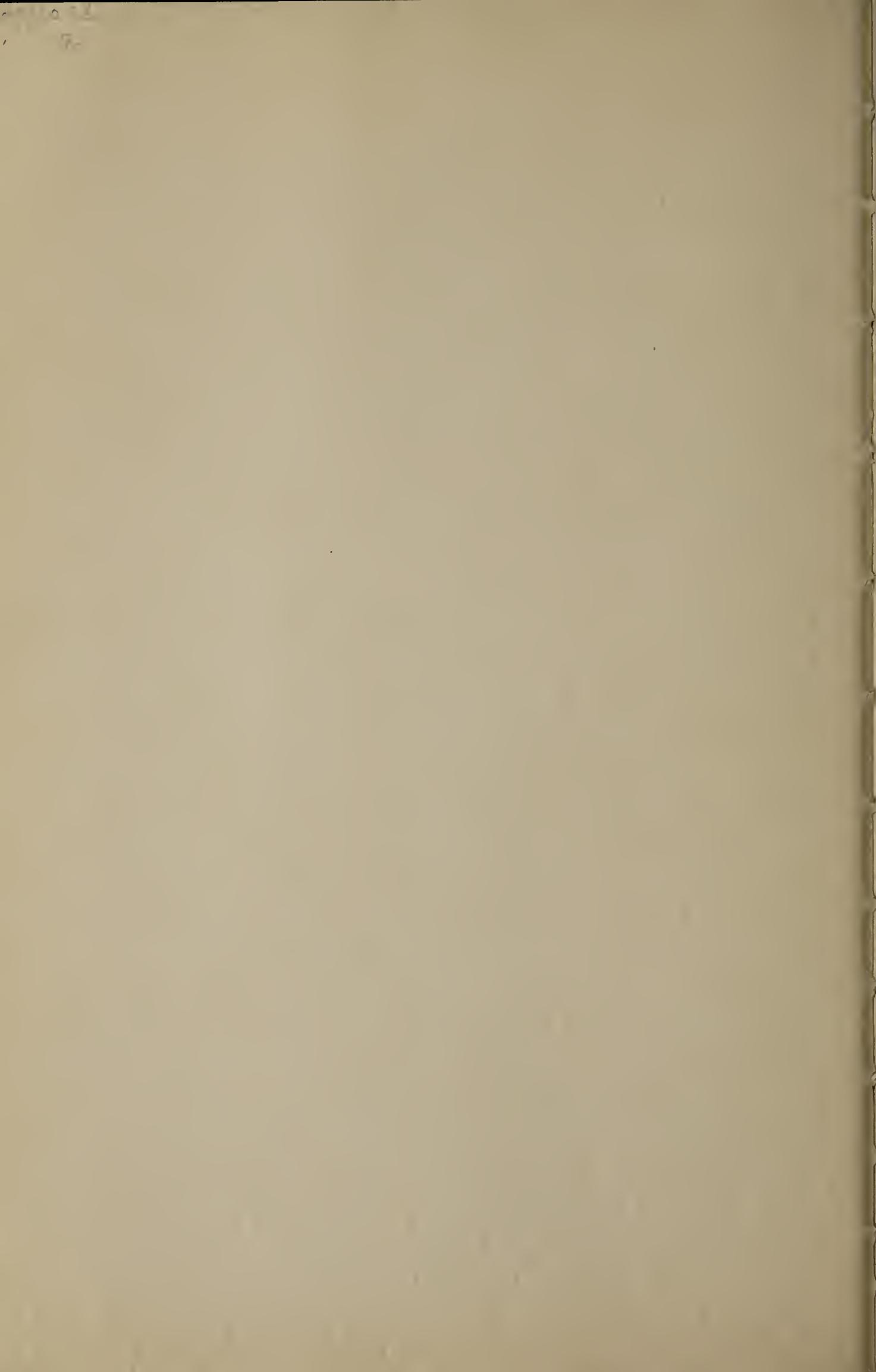
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Bishop of Massachusetts

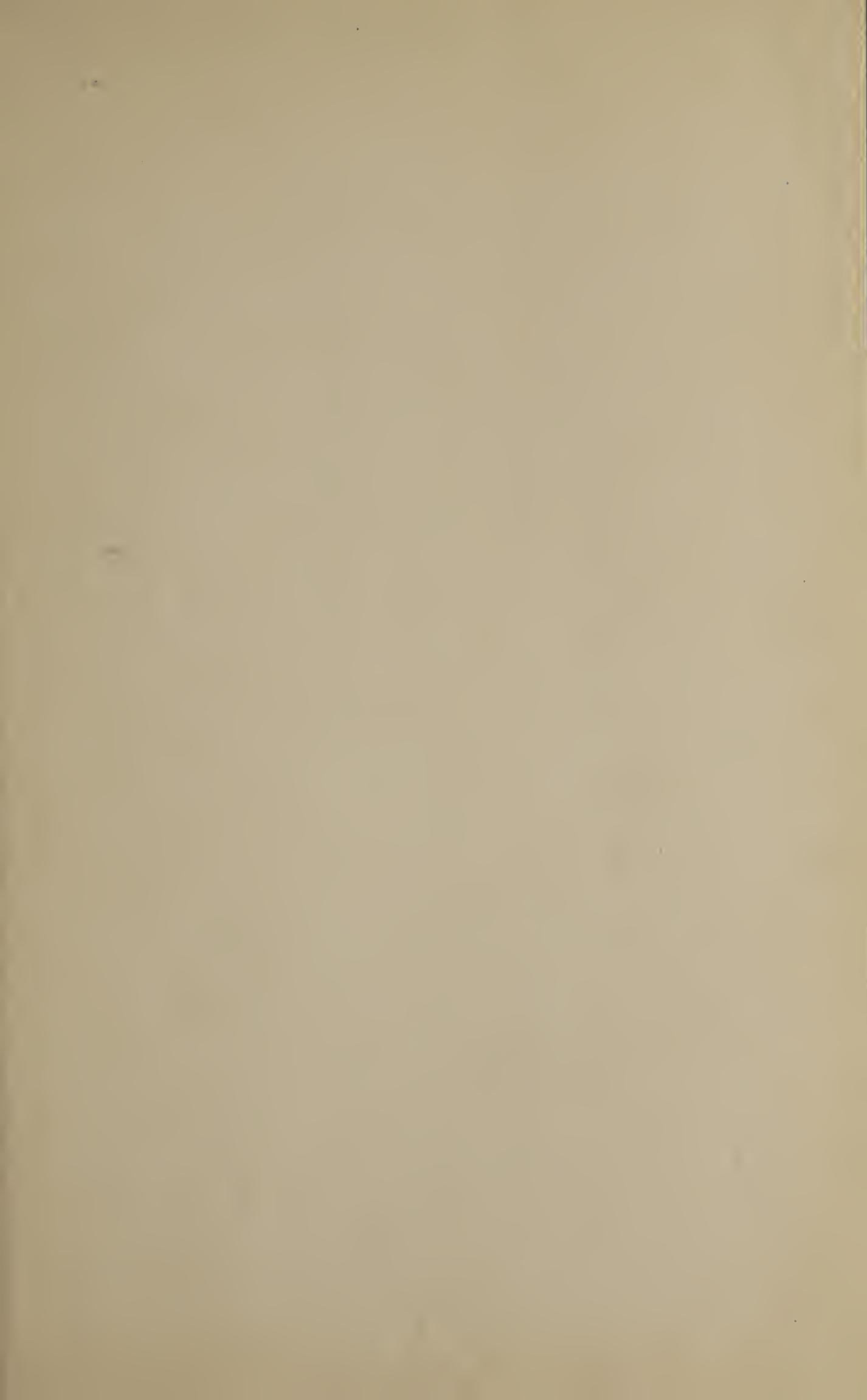
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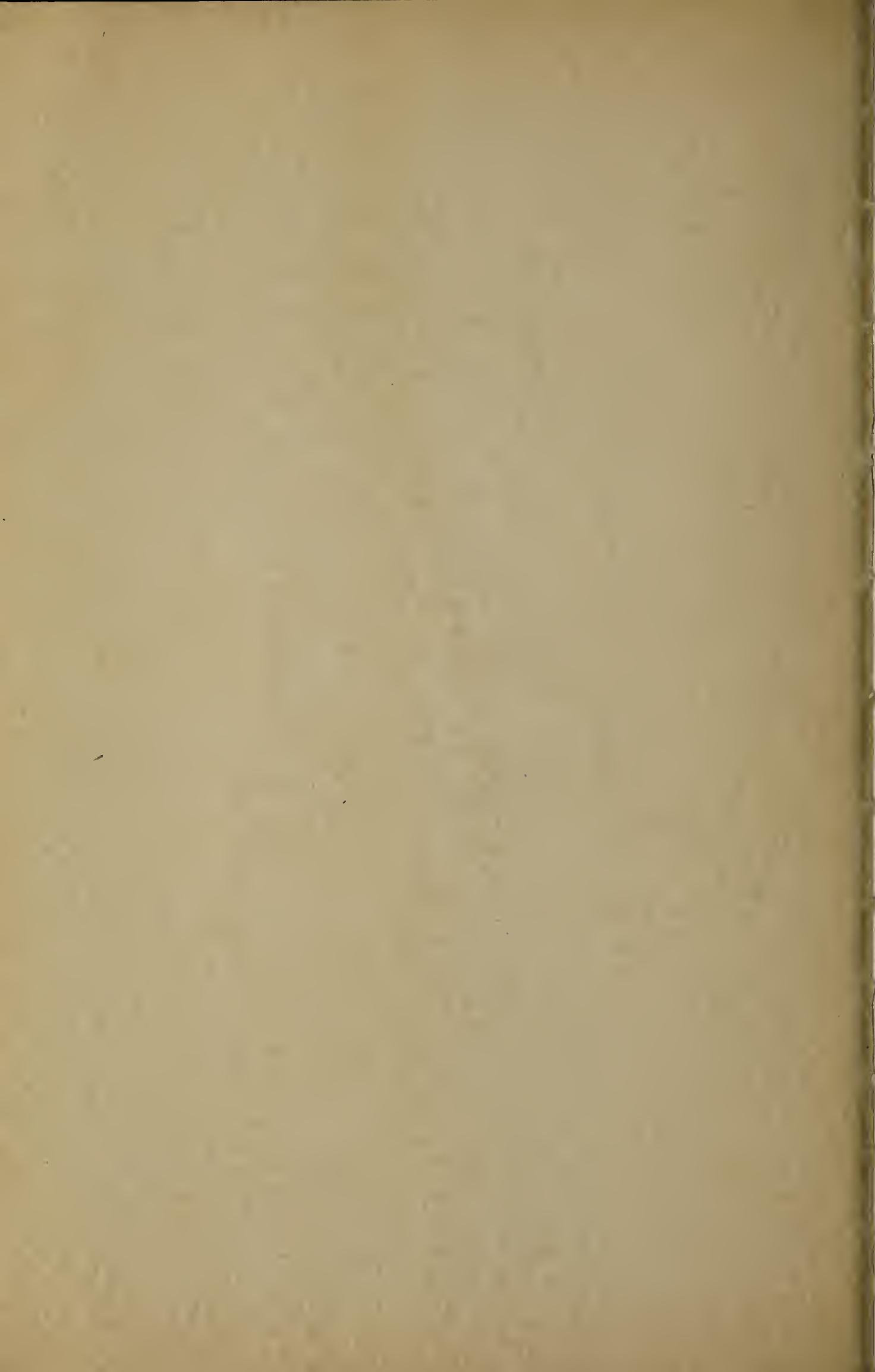
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